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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DARSHAN SINGH,)	
)	No. C 07-4824 MHP
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ANSWER
)	
EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director,)	
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;)	
EMILIA BARDINI, Director,)	
San Francisco Asylum Office, USCIS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

The Defendants hereby submit their answer to Plaintiff's Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunction.

1. Paragraph One consists of Plaintiff's allegations regarding jurisdiction, to which no responsive pleading is required; however, to the extent a responsive pleading is deemed necessary, Defendants deny that this Court has jurisdiction under any of the provisions cited in Paragraph One.

2. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Two.

3. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Three.

4. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Four, and on that basis, deny them.

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1 5. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in allegations in
2 Paragraph Five, and on that basis, deny them.

3 6. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Six,
4 and on that basis, deny them.

5 7. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Seven,
6 and on that basis, deny them.

7 8. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Eight,
8 and on that basis, deny them.

9 9. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Nine.

10 10. Paragraph Ten consists of Plaintiff's conclusions of law for which no answer is required;
11 however, to the extent that such allegations are deemed to require an answer, Defendants deny the
12 allegations contained in this paragraph.

13 11. Paragraph Eleven consists of plaintiff's conclusions of law for which no answer is
14 required; however, to the extent that such allegations are deemed to require an answer, defendants
15 deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

16 The remaining paragraphs consists of Plaintiff's prayer for relief, to which no admission or
17 denial is required; to the extent a responsive pleading is deemed to be required, Defendants deny
18 these paragraphs.

19 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

20 ___ Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

21 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 The court should dismiss the Complaint for lack for subject matter jurisdiction.

23 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

24 No acts or omissions by the United States or its employees were the proximate cause of any
25 injury or damages to the Plaintiff.

26 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

27 At all times alleged in the complaint, Defendants were acting with good faith, with
28 justification, and pursuant to authority.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants are processing the application referred to in the Complaint to the extent possible at this time. Accordingly, no relief as prayed for is warranted.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for relief as follows:

That judgment be entered for Defendants and against Plaintiff, dismissing Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice; that Plaintiff takes nothing; and that the Court grant such further relief as it deems just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: February 14, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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